

STUDENT BAND OF COLLEGE TO HOLD MEETING

WILL DISCUSS MISSIONS AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TODAY.

A FINE PROGRAM

Addresses Will be Delivered By Miss Combs, Miss Wilson And Others.

A rally for foreign missions will be held at the First Baptist church this morning under the auspices of the Students' Volunteer Band for Foreign Missions at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, the rally taking the place of the usual 11 o'clock service and being in full charge of the college missionary workers, who have arranged an exceedingly interesting program for the occasion.

The principal address will be delivered by Miss Bessie Combs, who has recently returned to America after having devoted several years to missionary work in China. Another address will be made by Miss Gladys Wilson, president of the Students' Volunteer Band, and short talks will also be made by several students of the college who are preparing to go to China for the purpose of engaging in missionary work.

Rev. T. L. Holcomb, the pastor of the church, is absent from the city, and the entire program, with the exception of the music, will be given by workers representing the Students' Volunteer Band. The music will be rendered by the regular church choir, and Mrs. B. K. Seasmus, the director, has arranged an unusually attractive program.

Meeting to be Held Next Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Committee of the Council of Defense will be held at the Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Chairmen of the various departments are urged to have their reports ready.

An invitation is extended to all women interested in the work to be present. Definite announcements in regard to the Food Demonstrations to be given next Thursday to Saturday under the direction of Miss Mallon, Chairman of Food Production and Home Economics of the Woman's Committee, will be made.

All kinds of Easter flowers. We will be open all of today. E. H. Slaughter Floral Company. 216-J.

LOCAL BANKERS TO ATTEND MEET

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED THERE.

The annual meeting of the Mississippi bankers' Association will be held at Camp Shelby, near Hattiesburg next Tuesday and Wednesday, quite a number of local bankers will be in attendance. It was originally intended to hold the meeting at Clarksdale, but the members of the organization later decided to convene at Camp Shelby on account of the fact that the soldiers are mobilized there.

The local banks will be represented by the following officials: National Bank of Commerce, Mr. W. S. Lindamood, president, Mr. F. P. Phillips, vice-president, Mr. H. F. Simrall, chairman of the board of directors; Mr. T. K. Swoope, a director; Merchants and Farmers Bank, Mr. Parker Reeves, cashier, Mr. R. B. Hardy, director; First State Bank, Mr. Ira L. Gaston, cashier, Mr. C. W. Evans, Mr. C. W. West, Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, Dr. F. M. Vaughan, directors. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gaston will be accompanied by their wives.

Mrs. Susie Meek Bolton and her sister, Mrs. Julia Meek Gerety left the past week for Washington, D. C., to visit their brother, Mr. Samuel M. Meek, for several months. Mr. Seth A. Meek accompanied them as far as Birmingham. Mr. S. M. Meek has for many years been in government service in Washington.

WILLIAMS IS AFTER SCALP OF LAFOLLETTE

DECLARES HE SHOULD BE OUSTED FROM THE SENATE.

FEELING IS BITTER

Partisanship Runs High When Solons Criticizing War Program Are Roasted.

Washington, March 30.—Partisan feeling flared up in the Senate again Thursday when Senator Williams of Mississippi, Democrat, renewed his attack upon Representative Lenroot, republican candidate for the Senate in Wisconsin, whom he charged Wednesday with being lukewarm in loyalty to the government in the war. The Mississippi senator declared LaFollette should be expelled and that former Representative Victor Berger, socialist candidate for senator, ought to be interned.

During the debate which followed and continued intermittently most of the day, Republican senators defended Mr. Lenroot, while Senators Reed of Missouri, Ashurst of Arizona and Owen of Oklahoma, Democrats, deplored partisan division at such a time.

Senator Smoot of Utah, Republican, who previously had attacked President Wilson for alleged partisanship, read a letter stating that Joseph E. Davies, Democratic candidate in Wisconsin, had "skipped to Chicago" when a conference was called to consider withdrawal of himself or Mr. Lenroot to insure a loyalty victory.

Senator Ashurst said Wednesday's debate was "miserable twaddle," and in a plea for harmony and unity in the war Senator Reed, contrasted the critical battle in France with the Senate's attention to the "miserable, little political contest in Wisconsin."

"I appeal to the Senate," said Senator Reed, "to have done with these miserable politics. No line can be drawn between loyal Democrats and Republicans. Let the election in Wisconsin go on. In any event a loyal man will be returned." Senator Gronna vehemently criticized the Democrats for references to disloyalty made by Senator Williams and declared he would support the President in every appropriation and in every other way wherever that support is necessary for the winning of the war. He declared that it has been noticeable to him that those who are the loudest in their cries of disloyalty were not those who have sons in the army.

Senator King of Utah, Democrat, interrupted to say that he did not believe any members of the Democratic side had intimated there had been any disloyalty on the Republican side of the chamber.

Referring to James Thompson, Senator Gronna said, vigorously pounding his desk with clenched fist:

"I know him personally and know that he is just as loyal as the senator from Mississippi. He's not disloyal."

Senator Owen, deploring the political discussion, said that most German-Americans are now patriotically supporting the government.

"They deserve all the more honor," he said, "because of the fidelity to the United States. I deprecate exceedingly that there should be any appearance of political debate on this floor."

Mrs. T. R. Hollingsworth, of Reform, Ala., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Lacy, in this city.

- DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW. This is the gist of the day-light saving law passed by Congress: At 2 o'clock a. m. Sunday, March 31, clocks all over the country shall be advanced one hour. Railroad trains and all government business will after this date be operated on schedules conforming to the new time, which will be designated as government standard time. Church services on Easter Sunday will begin on the new time.

EASTER SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP WILL PRESENT USUAL ELABORATE PROGRAMS TODAY.

This is Easter Sunday, and while Jupiter Iovivus does not seem to be in sympathy with the occasion and the weather promises to be any thing but auspicious, this fact will not interfere with the celebration of the anniversary in local temples of worship. Many of the Columbus churches have prepared elaborate programs, music being a special feature in each of them, and these programs are published below:

- Easter Music at First Methodist. Easter Sunday 11 a. m. Program: Communion in G. Edward Bastiste America The Resurrection Morn. W. M. S. Brown Hymn 159 O Grave Where is Thy Victory Stults Offertory—Sextette from Lucia Donizette Hymn 168 Sermon. Hymn 177 Recessional March. Scotson Clark

- Easter Sunday Evening, 7:30. Prelude in G Reinbault Doxology Invocation Hymn 180 Scripture Reading Offertory—Prayer from Lohengrin Wagner Victory. An Easter Cantata by G. R. Sanderson 10 Golden Harps Chorus 2 The Way Of The Cross Chorus 3 The Wondrous Cross Duet Miss Elise Lipscomb and Mrs. L. D. Patterson. 4 Lift Up Your Heads O Ye Gates. Chorus 5 Golden Harps Are Sounding Carol 6 Crown Him Solo Miss Grace Wright 7 Rise Crowned With Light Chorus Recessional—Hallelujah Chorus Houdel

- First Presbyterian Church. Hours of service based upon the new national time, one hour ahead of our time. 9:30—The Sunday School. 11:00—Morning Worship. Program: Anthem—Christ the Lord is Risen Dudley Buck Solo and Chorus—Hosanna Jules Granier Sermon—The Resurrection Body—1 Corinthians 15:35. 7:30—Evening Service. Program: Anthem—Golden Harps are Sounding Shepard Solo. Choral Hymn—Vox Angelica. Sermon—Back to Galilee. Matthew 28:10. R. EXCELL FRY, Pastor.

- Easter Day at St. Paul's. Early celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion at 11:00. The Children's Service, Evening Prayer and address at 4:30. At this service the children of the Sunday School will make their Easter offering.

Week-day services Monday and Tuesday in Easter week. Holy Communion at 10 o'clock Wednesday. The Litany at 10 o'clock with a special service of prayers and intercession for our country and those who serve in her defense. The hours of service will be under the new schedule of time and in order that you may be on time at the services from now until further notice, it will be necessary for you to move up your time one hour.

- Second Baptist Church. Subjects to be discussed at the Ministers Monday Morning Conference: 1. The Spiritual Effect of the War. Discussed by Rev. S. L. Pope, April 1. 2. The Church and its Social Service. Discussed by Rev. J. Davis, April 15. 3. The Coordination of the Spiritual Life of the College and the City. Discussed by Rev. E. Lucian Malone, May 6. All ministers and pastors in and around Columbus are invited to attend any or all of these conferences. J. A. LEE, Recording Secretary. Patronize our advertisers.

STEPHEN D. LEE HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY

HEARING OF CLASSES IN NEW BUILDING TO COMMENCE THEN.

OPENING INFORMAL

Dedication of New Building Deferred Until Some Future Date.

While the hearing of classes at the new Stephen D. Lee High School will begin tomorrow, there will be no public exercises to mark the event, the formal opening of the building having been postponed until a subsequent date, which will be announced as soon as the program has been arranged.

The postponement of the formal opening was necessitated by the fact that Hon. Blewett Lee, general counsel of the Illinois Central Railroad with headquarters in Chicago, and Dr. A. A. Kinnannon, superintendent of public schools in Memphis, who were invited to deliver addresses, found it impossible to be here. Mr. Lee is the son of the late Gen. Stephen D. Lee, in whose honor the new building has been named, while Dr. Kinnannon spent nearly a decade in Columbus as president of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College. It is the desire of local municipal and educational officials to have both Mr. Lee and Dr. Kinnannon participate in the exercises which mark the formal opening of the school, and as neither could be here tomorrow, it was decided to indefinitely postpone these exercises.

The new building was erected at a cost of \$75,000 and is one of the handsomest structures of its character in the state, being thoroughly equipped and modern in every respect.

Prof. J. C. Meadows, superintendent of public schools, states that the law recently passed by Congress providing that time be moved up during the summer months will be observed in these schools, and, starting next Monday, all exercises will begin one hour earlier than formerly.

The new school will open at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and classes will be held there.

The grounds of the Stephen D. Lee High School have been made beautiful, the entire city street force having been busy all of the past week cutting trees, etc.

Those desiring to look over the new school building are invited to do so on Monday afternoon between 3 and 5 o'clock.

Billy Burke in "Eve's Daughter" at Princess Monday

The attraction at the Princess on Monday, April 1st, is dainty piquant Billie Burke, in a wonderful story of American pep and personality that will delight you, "Eve's Daughter." It is a Paramount picture, and has been lavishly produced. Also a "Burton Holmes Travelogue." The pictures of travel are very popular, and have an unlimited value for those who want to see the world.

Matinee 3:00 and 4:25. Night 7:30 and 8:50. Admission 5 and 15 cents.

Campaigning For \$3,000,000.

The Southern Presbyterian church is in the midst of a campaign to provide \$3,000,000 for its missionary and benevolent work for the coming year, beginning April 1. The Every Member Canvass of the Columbus church will be taken Sunday afternoon. All members are requested to remain at home until seen by the canvassers. Subscriptions, payable weekly, to both local expenses and benevolences will be sought.

Regular weekly war services, which have been held during the past month at local churches, will take place at the First Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and will be conducted by Mrs. John Stallings, who will be assisted by others. All ladies of Columbus are cordially invited to be present.

Easter Carnations, \$1.00 per dozen. E. H. Slaughter Floral Company. Telephone 216-J.

STATE SOLONS CLOSE SESSION

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS AFTER LONG AND STORMY MEETING.

Jackson, Miss., March 30.—After one of the most intense and exciting contests in Mississippi for many years, and after practically an all-day contest over that one supreme question, the fixing of the state tax levy for 1918 and 1919, the two branches finally got together Thursday night on the compromise basis which had been favored by a large number of thoughtful and conservative members.

The Legislature on Wednesday passed a bill providing for a five and one-half mill basis for state ad valorem tax purposes, with authority to the counties to adopt as much as eight mills additional for general county purposes. This bill was returned by the governor with a long veto message, who in effect put it up to the lawmakers to either pass the bill over the veto notwithstanding or else pass a bill with a rate not in excess of four and three-quarters mills.

The House or Representatives very promptly accepted the challenge thus thrown down and by a large majority re-passed the bill.

To this action the Senate, at its daylight session, decided to accede, and this opened up what looked like an unbreakable deadlock. This was the situation when the Senate met for the Thursday night session, with the lines apparently tightly drawn. Quite a flutter of surprise was created when Senator Burrow, an out and out administration man and adherent, arose and moved to reconsider the action taken earlier in the day, and put the bill again on passage, the veto notwithstanding.

After some discussion and explanation the motion to reconsider was carried, the bill recalled and put on its passage. The result of the vote was 23 for the bill as reconsidered and eight against it. This makes the bill as strongly a law of the state as though there had been no veto interposed.

This action cleared the decks for final adjournment, and directly after the disposition of the revenue bill, the resolution fixing Saturday for adjournment was reconsidered, the date fixed as March 28, at 12:10 p. m., and with the customary formal resolution and messages the two houses disposed of their business and stood adjourned Thursday. The evening was turned into a general love or a great big glee club chorus, which was as interesting as it was nerve-racking to those afflicted with nerves.

IRISH SAMMIE HAS BIG KICK Victim of Yellow Gas on St. Patrick's Day

Paris, March 30.—American soldiers wounded along the Chemin-des-Dames are being removed from American Red Cross hospitals in Paris to make room for British soldiers injured too seriously to be moved a great distance.

Twenty-seven Americans suffering from gas poisoning have reached Paris on their way to a large base hospital behind the front. They are all New Englanders. One of the number, a private of Irish extraction, whose home is in Bridgeport, Conn., is waiting for the time when he can get into action again. This is why:

"I was gassed on March 17, just when I expected to leave for the St. Patrick's day celebration behind the lines. The worst of it was, it was yellow gas, which added insult to injury. I believe I will be all right within a few days, and God help Fritz when I get back and get a crack at him with my machine gun." All of the 27 will recover.

Stephen D. Lee High School Wins. The first baseball game of the season was played here Friday afternoon by teams representing the Stephen D. Lee High School and the West Point High School, and was won by the locals by a score of 15 to 11. Mr. Warren M. Cox, head of the local Boy Scouts, and Prof. Matney, a member of the local High School faculty, officiated as umpires.

Bank Hours to Change. Beginning tomorrow, April 1, the banks of Columbus, will close on week days at 2 p. m., except Saturdays, on which days the time of closing will be 3 o'clock. First State Bank, Merchants and Farmers Bank, Columbus National Bank, National Bank of Commerce.

PARADE WILL BOOST LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

NEGROES AS WELL AS THE WHITE CITIZENS WILL PARTICIPATE.

PLANS ARE OUTLINED

Tentative Program Arranged At Meeting Held at Court House Yesterday.

Mr. Chapman last night received a telegram stating that Lowndes county's quota for the Third Liberty Loan had been fixed at \$218,200.

That the people of Lowndes county are deeply concerned over the success of the third Liberty Loan and are determined to do their part to make it a success is evinced by the large crowd which assembled at the court house Saturday morning to discuss and formulate plans for the local campaign.

The occasion was a joint gathering of the various bodies engaged in the work here and there were present about 40 members of the executive committee and nearly one hundred members of the general committee. Mr. E. C. Chapman, cashier of the National Bank of Commerce, who is to direct the third Liberty Loan in Lowndes county, officiated as chairman, while Mr. I. I. Kaufman was at the secretary's desk. A vigorous address impressing upon those present the necessity for a vigorous and energetic campaign was delivered by Mr. Chapman and snappy talks were also made by Hon. B. A. Lincoln, chairman of speakers' division, Hon. P. W. Maer, chairman of the publicity division and Hon. F. P. Phillips, chairman of the sales division.

It was decided to have a parade and speaking next Saturday afternoon to further the campaign, and an effort will be put forth to make the demonstration more pretentious than any which has been held here during the year that activities to raise funds for different war measures have been in progress. The parade will start at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and will be participated in by negroes as well as by the white citizens of the city. The white people will assemble at the city hall and the negroes at the Southern depot, and after marching for about an hour the two formations will meet at the new high school, where speeches will be delivered by several local orators.

Mr. Maer, the chairman of the publicity committee, is endeavoring to have an airman come here from the aviation field at West Point and scatter patriotic literature from an airplane while the parade is in progress and an effort will also be made to secure the services of the Mississippi A. and M. College band for the occasion.

Field Meet to be Held

On next Friday, April 5th, there will be a field meet in Columbus, staged between the Columbus High School and the Macon High School. The place of the meet will be announced in a few days but it will probably be on the college track. The annual field meet for the Northeast Mississippi Association which was to meet at Tupelo this year has been called off on account of the war. This meet will be the only one that the people of Columbus will get to see this year, so it is hoped a large crowd will attend. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds going to both schools for improvements in these schools.

United Charities.

A meeting of the members of the United Charities are urged to attend a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist church.

- Forecast for the Week. The weather bureau in Washington yesterday issued the following forecast for the coming week: For South Atlantic and East Gulf states: Cloudy Monday in South Atlantic states. Otherwise generally fair weather. Will prevail during the week with nearly normal temperatures. *****

GREAT BATTLE BELIEVED TO BE NEARING CRISIS

CRUCIAL POINT EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS.

ENEMY LOSS GREAT

Germans Make Unimpaired Gains South of Somme at Terrible Sacrifice.

News regarding the war situation received by the Commercial last night says: The Germans have made a slight inroad on a small portion of the French front around Picardy; but the French are fighting fiercely and it is hoped that the ground lost will soon be regained. Latest dispatches state that the Germans have sustained heavy losses and it is believed the number of men killed and wounded is a comparatively small amount of territory gained. The British and French forces are said to be making preparations for an unusually strong fight and it is thought that the battle which has been waged at sporadic intervals for nearly a week will reach its crisis within the next forty-eight hours.

London, March 30.—Messiers, south of the Somme river, has been captured by the Germans. The British immediately launched strong counter attacks and captured a number of German prisoners. The Germans were fought to a standstill north of the Somme and were able to make only a few weak efforts.

There was sharp fighting in the Demuin sector (on the Amiens-Noyon road), but all of the efforts of the Germans in that district failed with heavy losses. Field Marshal Haig in his report to the war office praised the gallantry with which the mounted and unmounted British cavalrymen fought in repulsing the German attacks.

Mr. W. J. Whitfield, of Washington City, is here, being called to the aid side of his father, Mr. Nathan Whitfield.

CONSERVATION TO BE DEMONSTRATED

COLUMBUS HOUSEWIVES WILL BE SHOWN HOW TO SAVE FOOD.

A patriotic food demonstration is to be held at the office of the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company next Thursday, Friday and Saturday and will be under the joint auspices of the Woman's committee of the Lowndes County Auxiliary of the National Defense Council and the Home Economics department of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College. During the progress of the demonstration the people will be shown how to use substitutes for the various foods which the government is making an effort to conserve. The Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company has given the use of its office and local merchants have generously volunteered to contribute groceries, hardware and other commodities to be used in the demonstration. The full program appears elsewhere in this paper.

May Defend Schuler.

Hon. Ames Sanders, formerly prosecuting attorney of the Sixteenth circuit district court, was here Friday in conference with August Schuler, a German, who recently stabbed George Schultze, another Hun, with the view of defending him when the case comes up for trial. The cutting followed an argument between the two men over the fighting which has recently taken place on French battle fields. It is said that Schultze, who is in a local hospital, will recover, and as soon as he is able to be out Schuler will be arraigned and tried.